

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI
(Minister for Education).—

(a) 25.

(b) Nil.

(c) Interests of the Schools or exigencies of administration or domestic difficulties of the teachers.

Measures adopted to reduce the Prices of Artificial Manures.

*Q.—464. Sri K. H. VENKATA
REDDY (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that artificial manures are being sold at very high prices in the State ;

(b) if so, the measures adopted by them to reduce such high prices ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Food).—

(a) Rates are more on the upward trend than those prevailing last year, in respect of mixtures, due to high cost of nitrogenous and potassic ingredients getting into the mixtures.

In respect of superphate (phosphatic fertilisers) there is a reduction in the supply rate from 1st November 1958 when compared to the rates which prevailed in the earlier part of the year 1958. As regards nitrogenous fertilisers, the rate prevailing are those fixed by Government of India.

(b) If it is found that nitrogenous fertilisers are sold at rates higher than those fixed under the Fertiliser Control Order, action will be taken under the Fertiliser Control Order to suspend or cancel the license and also take action according to Essential Commodities Act under the provisions of which the Fertilisers Control Order is promulgated.

Execution of Minor Irrigation Works in Gauribidanur Taluk.

*Q.—466. Sri K. H. VENKATA
REDDY (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Minor Irrigation Schemes executed in Gauribidanur Taluk for the last two years ;

(b) the works proposed to be taken up in future ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA
(Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Eight works have been sanctioned and they are in progress.

(b) Ten works are proposed.

Mineral Rights claimed by ex-Ruler of Sandur.

*Q.—575. Smt. NAGARATHNAMMA
(Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it is a fact that the Ex-Ruler of Sandur has filed an application claiming mineral rights as being the hereditary trustee of Nowalswamy Temple in a portion of 29 sq. miles area leased to him in the year 1954 ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

The Ex-Ruler of Sandur has claimed mineral rights over the entire temple estates, a portion of which falls within the area of 22 square miles leased out to him.

Installation of Ferro Manganese Plant by the ex-Ruler of Sandur.

*Q.—576. Smt. NAGARATHNAMMA
(Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that an area to the extent of 29 sq. miles has been leased out to the ex-Ruler of Sandur on the condition of installing a Ferro Manganese Plant and if so whether the State Government have fixed any time limit to install the plant and whether the lessee has fulfilled the condition ;

(b) if not what action Government intend to take against the lessee ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes. The State Government have required the lessee to forward